



St Lucie County Library System

ArtSpace – How it Works

Local artists are invited to display their work at the St. Lucie County Library System. Dedicated art exhibit space is available at most Branch locations. The Library System serves as a community cultural center; showcasing the work of local artists. In this way the Library fulfills its stated mission *“to advance knowledge, inspire lifelong learning, and strengthen our Community.”*

- Each Branch has a Program Liaison who handles the art displays. Each Branch location has a different configuration which limits the size, shape and number of artworks it can exhibit. The Program Liaison at your preferred location will work with you on dealing with these limitations.
- Because there are so many talented residents in our Community, Artists will be limited to one display per year with priority given to Artists residing in St. Lucie County.
- Most Branches schedule displays months in advance. We will work with you, as far as possible, so that your art is displayed in a month of your choosing.
- Aesthetics, craftsmanship, presentation, size and available display space will be considered. Since display areas are fully accessible to patrons of all ages and beliefs, nudity, religious, or politically themed art or the inclusion of symbols of an inflammatory nature is prohibited.
- A sample of the work to be displayed must be approved by the Branch Supervisor or her designee before the artist can exhibit. Artists who have been denied exhibit space may appeal to the Library System Director.
- At Lewis and Kilmer, exhibits will be displayed for three (3) months from the first of the month until two days before the end of the month, allowing for library closures. No exceptions or extensions.
- All Art must be displayed in the designated areas.

- Artists must sign a St. Lucie County Artist Agreement after they have finished hanging their work and shall provide an itemized list of all works on display with the value of each piece. The total value of the art displayed at any single time by an individual artist may not exceed \$2,499.
- Each work of art must have the artist's name, address, phone and email address on the back.
- All art exhibited must be either gallery wrapped or with side to side metal wires for exhibition. On occasion, we will consider either framed or unframed works.
- Artists bear all responsibility for hanging and removing their art. Staff members can help you get started, but will not be available to assist. Ladders and tools to make the most of the gallery system are available onsite.
- Artists will not alter the library infrastructure in any way in order to display their art.
- If you wish to provide explanatory text, Library staff will work with you to produce and mount labels. We will accept text on a flash drive, email or print. All labels must be printed and mounted by Library Staff. Artists may not tape, tack or otherwise attach any label to library walls.
- Artists may leave or display contact information like a business card but cannot display the price of any work. Patrons interested to know more will contact you directly. The Library offers an opportunity to showcase local artists, but does not function as a gallery.
- The Library would like to display brief biographical information and/or explanatory statements about work exhibited. This is optional.
- The Branch supervisor or her designee will photograph each of the works displayed, maintaining them for the record in digital format.